

La Vergne Senior Center

Old Timer's Day Oct. 7th

Old Timer's Day will be held on Saturday Oct. 7th at the La Vergne's Veteran Memorial Park. There will be music featuring Jett Williams and Burning Las Vegas; dancing; WSM Radio's Country Caravan, featuring morning man Bill Whyte and much more for the entire family. The seniors will have an entire section at Old Timer's Day. We need volunteers to work the booths at the senior section. If you are interested see Melissa at the Center or call 793-3048.

Golf Fundraiser

The seniors are still participating in the fundraiser for a free round of golf. For every \$50 that is donated to the center, you will receive a free round of golf and cart fees at Pine Creek Golf Course. If you have any questions, please contact the Center for more information.

Happy Birthday

- Velma Young 13th

Sumner Crest Winery Tour

On Wednesday October 25, the seniors will travel to Portland, TN for the Sumner Crest Winery Tour. There is no charge for the tour. For those of you who aren't interested in the tour, there is a gift shop and a antique gallery to browse through. We will stop at the Red Lantern Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is known for the best catfish and prime rib around. On the way back, Lyonel Bohne will do a tour of some country music star's homes

City of La Vergne
Senior Citizens Center
793-3048

October 2000

Center Hours
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri
9am- 2pm
Tues, Thurs 5pm- 8pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:00. Walking Club 10-12 Ceramics 11-12 "Flower Pot Chimes" 12-1 Tai Chi 1-2 Americare Insurance	3 9:00 Quilting 10-11 Tell your stories of La Vergne/AC Puckett slide show 12-2 Bowling 5:00 Old Timer's Day Preparation	4 CLOSED	5 Food Bank Drop 10-11 Epilepsy and Seniors 11-12 "Glass Etching" 6:00 Bingo	6 9:00 Card Games Lunch Bunch	7 Old Timer's Day 11am Parade
8	9 8:00. Walking Club 10-12 Ceramics 12-1 Tai Chi 1-2 Continental Life Insurance	10 9:00 Quilting 10-11 Tell your stories of La Vergne 12-2 Bowling 6:30 O'Charley's in Smyrna	11 CLOSED	12 Food Bank Drop 9-11 Massage 11-12 Pioneer Life Insurance Noon Lunch 6:00 Bingo	13 9:00 Hand & Foot Card Game Lunch Bunch	14 11am Birthday Celebration (covered dish)
15	16 8:00 Walking Club 9-1p.m. Health Fair at Multi-purpose building	17 9:00 Quilting 10-11 Tell your stories of La Vergne 12-2 Bowling 6:00 Movie night	18 CLOSED	19 Food Bank Drop 9:30 Bell Buckle, TN 6:00 Bingo	20 9:00 Game Day Lunch Bunch	21
22	23 8:00 Walking Club 10-12 Ceramics 12-1 Tai Chi 1-1:30 4H involvement in community	24 9:00 Quilting 10-11 Tell your stories of La Vergne 12-2 Bowling 6:30 Senior Scoop	25 9:30 Sumner Crest Winery Tour	26 Food Bank Drop 9-11 Blood Pressure 11-12 Outlook Pointe at Murfreesboro 6:00 Bingo	27 9:00 Dominoes (turkey foot) Lunch Bunch	28 "Make A Difference Day"!!
29	30 8:00 Walking Club 9-10 Better Business Bureau Buyer Seminar 10-12 Ceramics	31 Happy Halloween!! 9:00 Quilting 10-11 Tell your stories of La Vergne 12-2 Bowling 6:30 Catfish House				



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Murfreesboro: Deane Crowder, PO Box 1906, Murfreesboro TN 37133-1906; Meets Tuesday, 6:00 P.M., at the Woman's Club. Officers change in July, 2000.

Noon: Steve Sandlin, PO Box 941, Murfreesboro TN 37133-0941; 849-8577 (Work). Meets Thursday, NOON, at the Stones River Country Club. Officers change in July, 2000.

JAYCEES CLUB

Murfreesboro: Ginny Sensing, 1905 Fern Drive, Murfreesboro TN 37130; . Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7 P.M., at the Cannonsburgh Club House. Officers change in January, 2000.

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Stones River Oakland: Jim Hugson, PO Box 1191, Murfreesboro TN 37133-1191; 893-7303 (Work). Meets Monday, NOON, at the County Club. Officers change in October, 1999.

LIONS CLUB

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Smyrna: Martha Bowen, PO Box 12, Smyrna TN 37167; 793-4655 (Home) 734-4931 (Work), Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, 6:00 P.M., at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Smyrna. Officers change in July, 2000.

✓ **La Vergne:** Wes Mayes, President,
Fire Hall #2 Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:30

LIONESS CLUB

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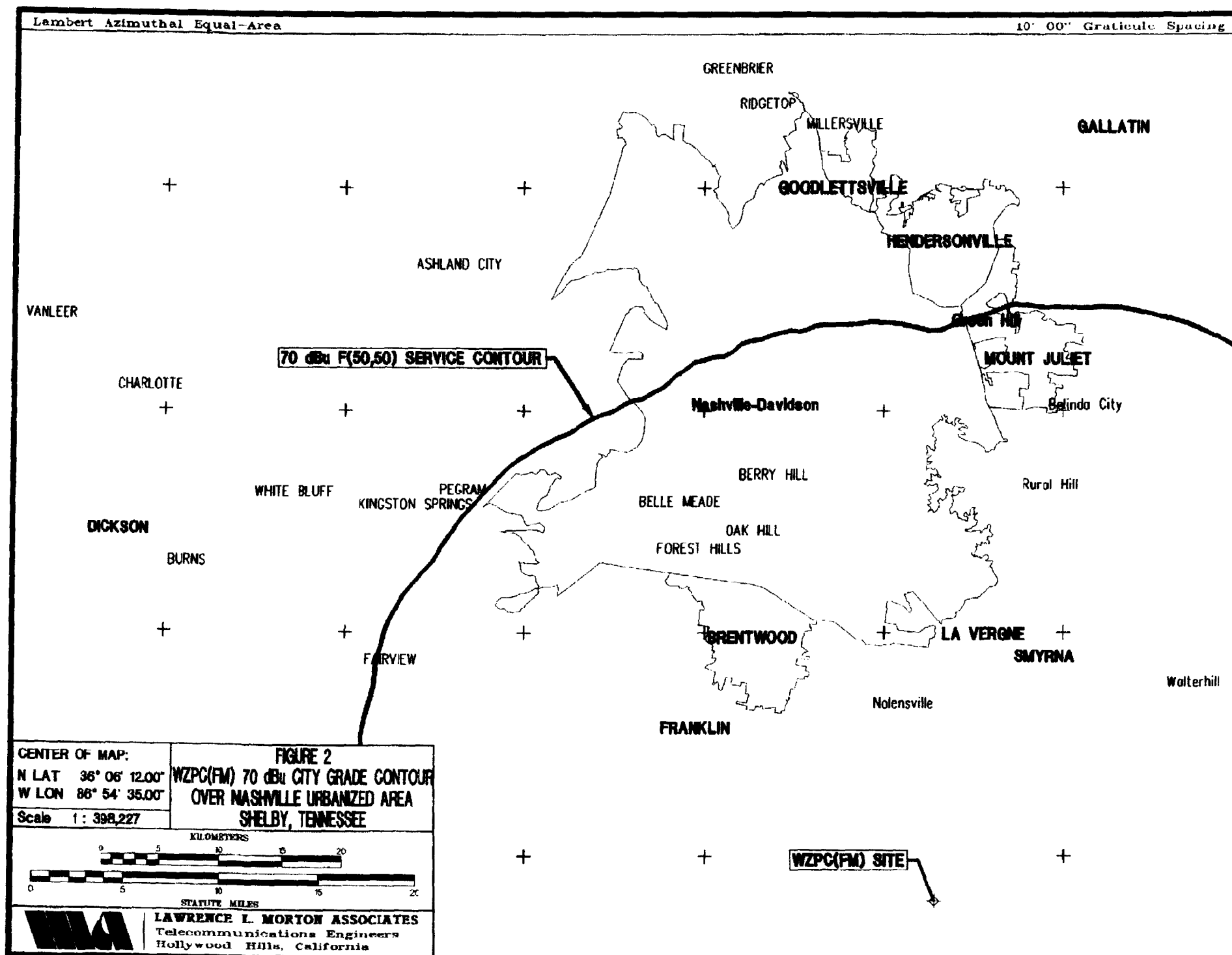
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Another 'feather' in La Vergne's cap

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Apr 6 2000 12:00AM By Jimmy Trodglan / staff writer

A distribution center of the world, La Vergne will soon be a leader computer manufacturing and distribution. With Tuesday's announcement that Hewlett-Packard Co. is expanding its North American operations to Ozburn-Hessey's Mid-South Logistec Center, city officials are already anticipating the economic impact.

"It sort of puts La Vergne as a leader, in sort of a Silicon Valley of Middle Tennessee," said La Vergne City Administrator Don Pickard "We're already known as the book capital of the world, with Hewlett-Packard, maybe we can add another feather to our cap. Maybe we can be the computer distributor of the world," said La Vergne Mayor Mike Webb Hewlett-Packard's expansion into La Vergne will create 1,600 jobs. Officials with HP say 1,100 of those positions will be filled this year.

"I think the jobs that will come from this will be upscale jobs that will raise the average wage around here where the employee can lift up their own self," said La Vergne Alderman E.T. Martin. "And this will add to our housing in the local area and we feel like it will bring in a good citizen."

Pickard said Hewlett-Packard's expansion will bring the total amount of jobs in La Vergne to 40,000, and the city anticipates additional jobs will be created as result of the company's presence.

"Hewlett-Packard is bringing 1,600 jobs in this area, we are in the 2 (percent) or 3 percent unemployment rate, and there's no reason everyone in the city of La Vergne cannot have a job," Webb said. "We've got to furnish these people places to live, and block layers, builders, plumbers, electricians, and many more will have jobs created from this. This is what the impact will be."

"Usually from manufacturing jobs you will create somewhere between two and a half to three jobs elsewhere in the community, so this will have a big impact on La Vergne, Nashville and Rutherford County," Pickard added.

Hewlett-Packard's decision to expand into La Vergne could open the door for other businesses.

"There will be other companies that will hit right behind them now," Webb said. "Once they make the announcement and commit, other companies will invest in La Vergne, too."

Hewlett-Packard will use its new location in Mid-South Logistec Center on Industrial Boulevard to manufacture and distribute the company's business PCs, NetServer systems and select information storage products.

Pickard said Hewlett-Packard has been talking to La Vergne for two years, but this particular project has been in the works for about a year.

"They've been talking to the economic development department in the state, and with the city and the county for about a year," Pickard said.

Another aspect that enticed the company toward La Vergne was the city's infrastructure.

"La Vergne has invested in the infrastructure to get us to this point and the specific needs that we have," said David Zabrowski, vice president for Hewlett-Packard's North American Business PC Organization.

"They've been working with us and trying to expand the infrastructure, the infrastructure on roads, the infrastructure on building process, the infrastructure in the way of telecom and fiber-optics - backbones for the technology part that we need for the computer connections, the telecom connections and so forth."

La Vergne will receive funding from the state to help with road and bridge work related to the company's expansion.

"There's going to be significant improvements made to the road, the intersection, the bridge, parts of Waldron Road. The state has really been willing to help us out on all of this," Webb said. "They want to make the improvements required to make this work."

Although there's still work to be done, city officials know the benefits HP could have on La Vergne.

"When you start working on something like this you never know what is going to happen because there are so many variables," Martin said.

"And it's really not a done deal until it's done so there's still work in progress, we still have a lot to do. We hope this will benefit La Vergne and we will be able to get some road improvements from the state, among other things."

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LA VERGNE: IT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

Just because La Vergne celebrated its 28th anniversary in the year 2000 doesn't mean it's a new town. The history of the City goes back to the 1700's when the ancestors of some of La Vergne's current residents settled in the area to begin their new life. The man the city was named after, Francois Leonard Gregorie de Roulhac de lavergne, eventually moved to Tennessee from France. He lived on the land, often turning his cattle onto what he reportedly termed as "la vergne." Many historians have translated that to mean "the green" — as in green pasture — and say that's how the town got its name.

Others however, say that the town was named La Vergne because of Roulhac's family name. However the name came to be, the United States Post Office officially gave the city its name the same day that Roulhac died in 1852.

In late 1862, as a result of a Civil War battle, most of La Vergne was burned. During the war, both the Union and the Confederacy held the City at one point or another.

La Vergne was first incorporated Feb. 28, 1861 but the incorporation was rescinded in 1881, because — since the Civil War — no city officials had been elected and there weren't enough adults to let the town organize a Board of Mayor and Alderman and town constitution.

From 1881 to 1958, La Vergne was a small farming community with a population of under 1,000 people. What turned La Vergne around and headed in its present direction was a number of things including a public water system, the Men's Club and a genuine effort by community members to speak as a group.

The City was re-incorporated in 1972 and Vester Waldron was chosen as the first mayor of the City. Others who have served as the town's mayor include: A.C. Puckett, Jack Moore, Shirley Winfree and Mike Webb.

In 1990, the U.S. Census showed that the city had 7,499 people living within the limits. In 1994, the number had grown to 11,088. A special election in 1998, showed 16,001 people in the City. With the results of the 2000 Census, we expect more than 20,000 people to live in the City. That's nearly a 300 percent growth over a 10-year period. With the population growth, and the good fortune of being in the right location for business, La Vergne has become THE place for business and industry to locate during the past few years. Hewlett-Packard, Ingram, Bridgestone, Celestica and other national and international companies currently call La Vergne home.

La Vergne is centrally located in the country, being a day's drive from approximately 75 percent of the population in the U.S. Interstate 24 runs through the city and Interstates 65, 40 and state road 840 are within 10 miles from the city limits. That, plus the city's proximity to major urban areas, makes it the place that's residents and businesses want to call home.

From humble beginnings more than 200 years ago, La Vergne has become the fastest growing city in Tennessee and one of the fastest in the country. Located between Nashville and Murfreesboro, La Vergne's small-town feel with big city amenities offers everything anyone could want. That's why we say, "La Vergne: It's What You've Been Looking For!"

Historical facts:

Late 1700s—First residents settle in area which is to become La Vergne.

1820—Roulhac family moved to La Vergne area.

1837—James B. Buchanan named postmaster at Buchananville (what is to later by La Vergne).

1852—Roulhac dies, Postmaster names post office the "La Vergne Post Office."

1861—City first incorporated.

1862—At least seven Civil War-related battles/skirmishes fought in the City.

- 1862—Most of city burned during Civil War.
- 1881—City incorporation rescinded.
- 1900—Two tornadoes rip through La Vergne, destroying female academy, school for boys and more.
- 1904—First telephone in La Vergne.
- 1913—Telephone co-op formed.
- 1923—Electricity reached to La Vergne.
- 1945—Tennessee Farmer's Co-op opens.
- 1959—Men's Club organized.
- 1961—La Vergne Utility District organized.
- 1961—La Vergne Primary School built.
- 1963—La Vergne Lions Club organized.
- 1965—La Vergne Fire Department established.

- 1968—La Vergne calls to Smyrna no longer long distance.

- 1970—La Vergne Rescue Squad established.
- 1971—Firestone (later Bridgestone) opened.
- 1972—City incorporated, council elected, Vester Waldron named first mayor.
- 1974—La Vergne Council increased to five members.
- 1976—Roy Waldron School built.
- Late 1970's—Senior Citizens Club established.
- Late 1970's—Library established.
- 1980—Current Post Office opened.
- 1982—La Vergne Tennessee and La Vergne France twinned as sister cities.
- 1986-89—La Vergne on-line with Metro Nashville sewer system.
- 1987—La Vergne name officially changed from one work to two, (La Vergne).
- 1988—La Vergne High School built.
- 1988—City changes charter to Aldermanic style.
- 1989—Property tax initiated.
- 1990—La Vergne population counted at 7,499.
- 1993—La Vergne Water Plant opened.
- 1994—La Vergne population counted at 11,088.
- 1996—La Vergne population counted at 14,275.
- 1997—Cedar Grove School built.
- 1998—La Vergne population counted at 16,001.
- 1999—Rock Springs School built.
- 2000—La Vergne population expected to reach over 20,000.

La Vergne Mayor and Aldermen:
Mayor Mike Webb
Vice Mayor Sherry Green
Alderman David Fleming
Alderman E.T. Martin
Alderman Richard Norris

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Hitting the ground running

by Roy Moore / staff writer

March 15, 2001



Mark Moshea says it won't take him long to adjust to his new role as La Vergne's city administrator, a position to which the city's Board of Mayor and Aldermen appointed him at its March 6 meeting.

Moshea, formerly the county's register of deeds and a city engineer for both Smyrna and

La Vergne, takes over for Bruce Richardson, who was serving as interim administrator until the board could find someone to permanently fill the post. The position became open when Don Pickard resigned for health reasons Jan. 25.

The day after the board's unanimous vote, Moshea began moving his business supplies from his office at the public works building off Waldron Road - where he served as city engineer for the past year and a half - and into the administrator's office at City Hall on Murfreesboro Road.

Moshea, 46, said the first things he took to the new office were tax maps - a holdover from the position he just vacated - and photographs of his wife, Betty, and children, Megan and Matthew. The photographs now line his desk; the tax maps rest in a disheveled heap upon an office table. Boxes filled with more items are scattered about the office.

After only a couple days on the job, he sat down for a one-on-one interview with The Rutherford Courier about his qualifications for the position and his vision for the city.

Describe the status of the city as you take this position.

"The status of the city is that it's really growing and developing at a fast rate. We're in a growing area, a growing community that has been for the past few years. This has led to the need for expanding government services to handle the growth. And with growth, there has come a challenge with a greater need to expand those services."

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When you were appointed by the board, Mayor Mike Webb said it was important the city not hire someone from outside the area, but someone from the city. Why exactly is this important?

"Well, if anything, my 20 years in Smyrna and in Rutherford County helped a great deal. In that time, I met quite a few people, quite a few members of the community, and I'm very active in the community. I think he meant that we don't have a time period for someone from outside the area to come in, get settled and understand the city of La Vergne in six months or a year."

How smooth has the transition been?

"It's been really smooth. It's only been a few days. I've been completing my jobs as engineer, but if the first few days are any indication, I think it will go well. Anyone who has a government job, they will be dealing with the public. That has never been a problem or a concern with me. I'll be here and I'll be accessible to the residents."

What qualifications do you have that would make you a good city administrator?

"I've worked in Smyrna and Rutherford County government for years. While I've been here in La Vergne as city engineer, I've spent a lot of time on projects like the library. We've also done two or three water projects and those tie closely with engineering, and my position with the Planning Commission has allowed me to be on top of development as they happen."

Mayor Mike Webb said the city still plans to go before the County Commission this year with a funding request for the library for assistance on the library. What contact have you had with this project?

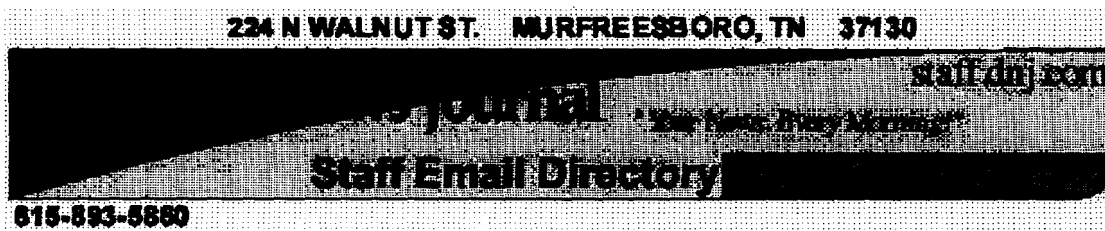
"The project is under design right now. There has not been any contact with the county commission since 1998 (when the county voted down the initial design for the library as too costly). One of the first things would be to talk to them about how it benefits the city and the entire county. I would like to start talking with the county commissioners from this area, but there's no timetable for it as yet."

What do you consider to be the most important project(s) going on in the city now or that will be going on in the next year?

"It's hard to put a priority on all of the projects. I think our transportation projects and the water plant expansion are most important. The improvement from the Interstate (24) to Murfreesboro Road, there is a need there, but I think the need to alleviate traffic with the new Parthenon Road extension (from Murfreesboro Road to Stones River Road) is very important. We just had the second phase bid and it should be built sometime this year, and the widening of Waldron Road access across I-24. The interchange project is a vital project."

The position of city administrator doesn't necessarily ensure job stability - typically, about two and a half years on average. How long do you hope to stay in this position?





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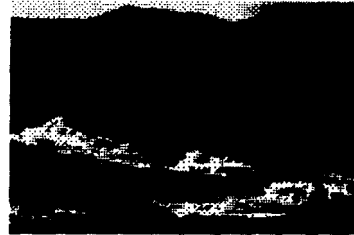
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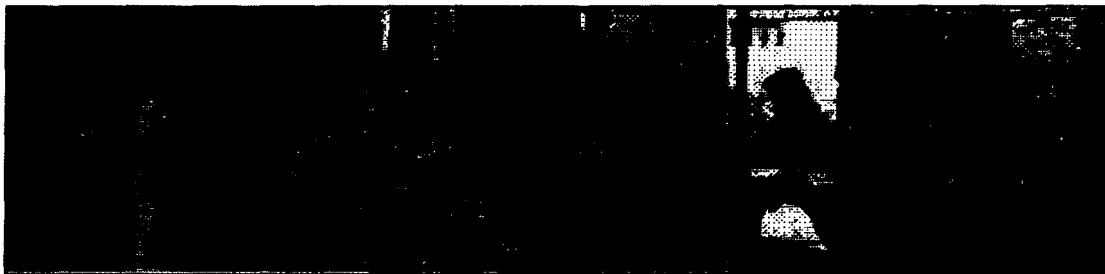
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